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Dr R. M. Patterson
July 7th 1838. Report of
re-assays.

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Mint of the United States,
July 7th, 1838.

Sir,

I send herewith the result of the assays made by Mr. DuBois, of the pieces received from you, through the Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday. — The results are, on the whole, very satisfactory; yet although they are within the limits of the law, I would recommend that Melts No. 57 & 82 should be rejected. The assays were made twice, and found to be 897.3 and 897, — the latter differing 2½ millièmes from Dr. Nott's assay.

Most of the assay-pieces were found to be very brittle, so that we doubt whether it will be practicable to make dimes from them, though they all seem to be from dime ingots. If great difficulty occurs, it will be best to roll them down for half-dollars.

Very respectfully,
your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson
Director.

To,
David Bradford, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Re: Assay of Silver Ingots, from the Branch Mint at New-Orleans. (Assay-prices rec? July 6. 1838.)

No. of Envelope.	No. of Melt.	Fineness - N. Orleans.	Fineness - Philada.	
1	57	898.2	897.3	R.
2	58	898.-	897.8	.
3	59	899.5	899.-	
4	60	899.5	899.-	
5	61	899.-	897.8	.
6	65	898.6	898.2	
7	71	899.5	898.6	
8	72	899.5	898.6	
9	73	898.6	899.5	
10	74	899.-	899.5	
11	75	898.6	898.2	
12	76	900.4	898.2	
13	77	899.5	898.6	
14	78	899.-	900.4	
15	79	898.8	899.5	
16	80	898.2	899.-	
17	81	898.6	898.6	
18	82	899.5	897.-	R.
19	83	899.5	898.6	
20	84	900.8	899.-	
21	85	899.5	899.5	
22	87	899.5	899.-	
23	88	899.7	899.5	
24	91	898.2	898.6	
25	92	900.2	900.4	
26	93	901.1	901.3	
27	95	899.5	901.3	
28	96	900.4	900.-	
29	97	901.1	901.3	
30	86	899.-	900.-	
31	94	899.3	900.4	